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To: US Department of Justice  
Re: Microsoft  
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This entire case has been a sham and a black eye on American justice, let alone the concept of free enterprise. When the courts attempt to solve business issues between competitors -- without consideration of consumers -- our country is in serious trouble.

I am a computer user since 1980 -- before Windows and PCs and before Microsoft solved the major obstacle to easier and user-friendly operation of personal computers. IBM was smart to incorporate it as a universal operating system. Microsoft later enhanced the value and benefits to users with Windows -- and with Internet Explorer to mimic Windows. Why would a user not want these systems to be compatible and user-friendly?

If the Justice Department finds Microsoft guilty, will this mean that I can demand that Ford put a General Motors engine in my next car? Why can't I demand different raisins in my cereal? Yet, with Microsoft, the user always has the option to remove or change or ignore features or additions? I don't understand your reasoning?

Please explain to the public exactly what Microsoft did wrong. Other than enrage its competitors with its arrogant attitude, consumers have not been harmed. If arrogance is a crime, when will law suits be brought against attorneys, judges, and politicians?

No system has improved or challenged Windows or Internet Explorer as being better !  
Exactly how did Microsoft's harm consumers? Answer: Not at all  
What prevented competitors from countering with better solutions? Answer: Nothing  
How did this evolve? Answer: Political influence and money.  
Why are the state attorneys general making claims? Answer: Pure greed.

Historians will link this case to the start of the current recession. The "terrorism" within our justice system is a greater than any threat from outside of our nation. The only settlement that will do our country and consumers good is to throw this case out of court.

Sincerely,  
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Independent and private citizen, unaffiliated with any organization.  
(I hope it is not now a crime to speak freely?)